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Subject: Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing
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Attached please find a letter from Paul Donnelly at Pacific Toxicology Laboratories. It was intended to be submitted as a cover letter to the laboratory results (Attachment A) we forwarded as part of our submission. Since it did not arrive in time to meet the October 22 deadline, I substituted a cover sheet with my signature. For clarity, I believe it is important to include this letter as part of our submission.

Thank you in advance for considering my request.

From: Paul Donnelly To: Ann Tonjes

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Dear Ann:

As you know, Pacific Toxicology Laboratories tested blood and urine samples provided by members of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) in 1998 and 1999. We were looking at these employees after air quality issues on board aircraft with potential exposure to hydraulic fluids. At that time, we advised AFA of unusually low creatinine levels in some samples. AFA asked that the samples be frozen and stored because additional urine testing did not seem useful at that time.

The samples entered into our Sample Archival Program (see below). These samples were maintained in a frozen state while in our Archival Program.

You and William P. Knowles, an attorney working on AFA's air quality review, contacted us recently to ask that our lab run the standard validity test panel (tests for creatinine, specific gravity, pH and nitrates) on the stored samples.

You asked us to follow the standards established by the government for validity testing, to the extent possible, because you intended to share the results with the federal government, as an attachment to AFA comments on HHS proposed validity testing standards.

Last week these samples were thawed and entered in the computer for testing in connection with federal validity testing standards.

The laboratory results for this testing have been provided and the samples returned to the Sample Archival Program.

Cordially,

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